GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1806
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JAVED CHOWDHARY COMMITTEE REPORT
Surendran Shri Chengara

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken steps to implement the recommendations of Javed Chowdhary Committee Report which was set up to enquire into the working conditions of Government Doctors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The main recommendations of the Committee inter alia include
(i) Removal of stagnation at Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) and Higher Administrative Grade (HAG) level;
(ii) enhancement of retirement age to 62 years;
(iii) Terminal benefits of additional 5 years of service over and above 5 years already admissible under Pension Rules;
(iv) Permission to attend International Conferences/Symposia once in 2 years with financial assistance of Rs.1.00 Lac per case
(v) Enhancement of NPA to 30%; and
(vi) Enhancement of Book/Research/Academic Allowance. The age of retirement of Specialist doctors of Central Health Service has already been enhanced to 62 years. Orders for allowing Central Health Service (CHS) Doctors to attend International Conferences/Symposia once in 2 years with financial assistance of Rs.1.00 Lac per case has also been issued.The proposal for allowing Terminal benefits of additional 5 years of service over and above 5 years already admissible under Pension Rules was taken up thrice with Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare but not agreed to by that Department. While the action towards implementation of other recommendations was in progress, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance have in the meantime issued instructions vide OM No.5/16/2006-E. III.A dated 21.12.2006 that all cases involving upgradation of pay-scales, grant of fresh non- functional scales, new allowances, enhancement of existing allowances are to be brought before the 6th Central Pay Commission. Accordingly the issues relating to enhancement of Non Practicing Allowance, increase of Annual Allowance or Book/Research/Academic Allowance and the proposal for enhancement of age of superannuation of General Duty Medical Officers sub-cadre have been referred to 6th Central Pay Commission.